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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALAN, 11 & 12, Clerkenwell Lane, Lombard Street, E. C., Gresham Street & Co., Cornhill, Gordon & Gotoh, Lloyds Office, E. C., Barra, ANDY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C., BROWN & CO., 160 & 154, London Wall Street, PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMERI PIERRE & CO., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco. SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLOR & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HENSELER & CO., Manila. CHINA.—Macao, Messrs. A. A. DE MELLO & CO., Santos, QUEZON & CO., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLAS & CO., Foochow, HEDGE & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO., Hongkong.

BANKS.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2.—Sum less than \$1 or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum will be allowed on deposits on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, will be forwarded gratis by the various English Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1885.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank advances Money on Deposit, in Bills and also Bills of Exchange, Accepts Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

APPROVED CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS, viz:

75 per Cent. on 1st Dividend equal to 87 per Cent. for whole Claim.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, July 4, 1885.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND \$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION \$3,400,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO^{PLATE} \$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASSON.
Deputy Chairman—A. MULIER, Esq.
G. D. BOTTOMLEY, M. GROVE, Esq.
E. H. HOPKINS, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Hon. W. KEWTON, Esq.
A. P. McEWEN, Esq.
W. H. MORRIS, Esq. E. E. SIESSON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER,
THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER,
EVAN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG
INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" " 4 per cent. "

" 12 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drays granted on London, and the other Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 23, 1885.

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WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL MAKER & SHIP CHANDLER,
22, PEAK CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA HOPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIVE BOATS,
CORK JACKETS,
etc., etc., etc.

Hongkong, May 1, 1885.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned have been nominated by Special Appointment COMMERCIAL AGENTS for the FOREIGN BUSINESS of HIS EXCELLENCE the VICEROY of CHIHIL.

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, August 11, 1885. 1373

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, 17th August, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1885.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 21, 1885. 1225

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, MONDAY, the 24th day of August current, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1885.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 4, 1885. 1321

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTER of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th August current (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

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For Sale.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

ARE NOW LANDING

D'EO'S NONPAREIL KEROSINE
OIL.

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FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

COOKING STOVES.

AGATE IRON WARE.

WAFFLE IRONS.

CASH AND PAPER BOXES.

KEROSINE STUDY LAMPS.

CORNMEAL HOMINY.

Cracked WHEAT. Cranberry SAUCE.

Stuffed PEPPERS. MACKEREL.

American HAMS and BACON.

Prime YORK HAMS.

WINES, &c.

CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.

1885 GRAVES,

BREAKFAST CLARET,

SAUCONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SAUCONE'S OLD INVALID PORT

HUFF'S PORT.

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

GOUVIEA'S BRANDY.

OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

BUKE'S OLD IRISH WHISKY.

KINSEY'S OLD WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEENE WHISKY.

BOOD'S OLD TOM GIN.

JAMESON'S IRISH WHISKY.

MARSALE.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

&c., &c., &c.

TEA.

EXTRA CHOICEST NEW SEASON'S SOUZHONG,

in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.

OILMAN'S STORES,

at the lowest possible prices

FOR CASH.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, July 1, 1885. 1105

FOR SALE.

JULES M U M M & Co., Ltd.

CHAMPAGNE,

Quarts..... \$30 per Case of 1 dozen.

Pints..... \$21 " 2 "

Dubois Frères & de Germon & Co.'s

BORDEAUX CLARETS AND WHITE WINES.

Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Bree'

WHISKY, \$7 per Case of 1 dozen.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

FOR SALE.

COURSE, DISTANCE,

AND AVERAGE SPEED TABLES,

FROM LONDON, via THE SUZ CANAL,

TO INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN, &c.,

WITH VARIOUS OTHER TABLES AND NOTES,

BY W. A. GUILAND.

To be obtained at the CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

FALCONER & Co.

Hongkong, September 2, 1884. 1475

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now

be had at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE

THE Steamship *Leda*, Captain Voss,

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Buoys delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-day, the 10th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th instant will be subject to rent.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

SIRMSSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 10, 1885. 1337

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo

are requested to send in their Bills of

Lading to the Undersigned for counter-

signature, and to take immediate delivery.

This Cargo has been landed and stored at

their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Sohalian.

S. & C. No. 1063/1063—3 bales Blankets,

Order, from Marcellis.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, July 30, 1885. 1337

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, nor Owner will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ADAM W. SHIPS, American barque, Capt.

A. D. FIELD.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

ANNIE H. SMITH, American ship, Capt.

R. B. BROWN.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

B. H. STAENKEN, German brig, Captain

Chr. Meyer.—Müller & Co.

EVIE REED, American barque, Capt. A.

T. WHITIER.—Russell & Co.

FRANK PENDERSON, American ship, Capt.

E. P. NICOLAS.—Order.

HAROLDINE, American 4-masted schooner,

Captain Tibbets.—Order.

HIGHLANDER, American ship, Capt. N. A.

Bachelder.—Russell & Co.

NAWMO, British barque, Captain John

Dodd.—Russell & Co.

PENOVAN, American barque, Capt. F. L.

Chapman.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

SHARSHOOTER, British barque, Captain

Johnstone.—Gillam & Co.

STRATHLEVEN, British steamer, Capt. G.

W. Pearson.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1337

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Aberystwyth*,

Porter, Commander, will be despatched for

the above Port To-MORROW, the 13th

Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1337

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship *Thales*,

Captain Pocock, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 14th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1338

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR BANGKOK (DIRECT).

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer *Kong Beng*,

Captain R. Jones, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 15th Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.

Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1334

FOR SINGAPORE.

The Steamship *Euphrates*,

Capt. Mitchell, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 17th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1336

FOR TIENSIN (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship *Pechili*,

Captain Shih, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 14th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1331

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOGHOW (SHARP PEAK).

The Co.'s Steamship *Hai-ping*,

Capt. F. Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1330

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Glenorchy*,

Captain Park, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1339

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Glenorchy*,

Captain Jacobs, will be despatched as above on or about the 26th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1335

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

August 11.—*Emerald*, 395, G. Tayler, Manila via Amoy August 6, General.August 12.—*Castus*, British steamer, 1,331, T. S. Jackson, London June 30, and Singapore Aug. 7, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.August 13.—*Chin-tung*, British steamer, from Whampoa.August 14.—*Butterfield & Swire*.August 15.—*Portuguese*, British steamer, 2,123, A. Lagoin, London June 21, and Singapore Aug. 6, General.—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.August 16.—*Keeling*, British steamer, 2,123, A. Lagoin, London June 21, and Singapore Aug. 6, General.—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

THE CHINA MAIL.

20 per cent. of the weapons and flags have been returned to the Chinese general. Ts'a therefore begs that the Tsung-li Yamen be instructed to inform the French that these arms &c., were distributed before the cessation of hostilities and cannot now be recovered, so that they may not be made a ground of complaint in any future trouble with the natives. No answer having been received to his request, that the country to the West of Hien-hwa and Hsing-hua might be included in Yunnan, the Thibetans irregulars, who remain with their standards, lest, if they continued to occupy their original posts, fresh trouble might arise, have been for the present posted about Chi Kuan San and Anping. A request by the Governor and Treasurer of Hsing-hua to be allowed to migrate with their followers into Yunnan was refused, and they were given Tls. 4,000 and told to remain quiet. (These are now said to be leaders of a new revolt.) Eighty 130 battalions are now posted along the frontier (say 70,000 men). Ts'a requests that, as he does not understand international trade, Li Hung-chang be ordered to send some officer well known to the French chiefs to assist a statesman appointed by him in arranging matters with the French officials.

THREE reports of Liu Ming-chuan's from Formosa published in the *Shen Pao* of the 29th July, contain some interesting information. The first accuses the Taotai Liu Ao of aiding and abetting the farmer of the opium lekin in embezzeling over Tls. 40,000. While the ports were shut, the farmer declared he could pay nothing to government, but went on collecting lekin as before. When summoned, he declined to appear. Liu Ao failed to find out that this vast sum had been collected, and at the end of last year reported that, from dearth of funds, he feared some of the forces must be disbanded. In May he proposed to increase the amount paid by the farmer of lekin to Tls. 100,000 a year, and to retain the former farmer. And he persisted in doing this, in spite of Liu's negative proposal. Truly Chinese patriotism begins at home!

The war seems to have disorganized Formosan officialdom, as we find a district magistrate persisting in extorting Tls. 8,000 from a gentleman of his district, although Liu Ming-chuan had allowed Tls. 6,000 of the amount to be foregone on account of the equipment of 200 local troops, with whom the gentleman fought well at Keelung. The magistrate pleaded that Keelung had nothing to do with his people's contributions!

Twenty-eight Annamites, and 15 French soldiers (Foreign Legion men, presumably, as many were Germans and two Dutch) joined the Chinese in Formosa. The Annamites have been sent home, and the rest drafted as instructors to various regiments. They will be provided with funds to go home when they want to. Most of the houses within 5 ft. of Keelung and the public offices have been burnt down, the fields are lying fallow, and many men have suffered in resisting the foe. In view of the peculiar calamities that have befallen Keelung, Liu asks authority to issue relief from the contribution fund of Tamsui.

ACCORDING to the *Singapore Free Press* there seems to be a probability of the Bankruptcy Laws and the Registration of Partnerships in the Straits Settlements being brought prominently before the Government and people of the sister colony. Our contemporary says:—"With reference to the letter of the Chamber of Commerce to the Government about the state of the Bankruptcy law and the Registration of Partnerships, we hear that it is likely that the Hon. T. Sheldoff, at an early meeting of the Legislative Council, may ask for a Commission to be appointed, and that the Council is likely to grant it readily. We hope it may be the commencement of a series of reforms in mercantile law in the Straits, which can only be accomplished by the concerted action of the Chamber of Commerce and the Government." These matters which have been frequently and fully discussed and considered here, yet at the present moment we are, apparently, as far from adopting any practical reforms as ever. The Government are in full possession of all the information that it is possible to learn on the subjects, which have more than once been minutely investigated by men well qualified to examine and report on them, yet still they refrain from even trying to frame laws and rules which will be bound to exert a salutary reform in the present unsatisfactory system. Why this should be so is not very clear. Possibly Government are waiting on the energetic Commission appointed some years ago to revise and reorganize the local ordinances, to do something. The hope seems a vain one, for, if all we hear be true, the populous labours of this Commission, which instead of facilitating the improvement of the law must have interfered with reforms in many particular instances, are still far from completion. In the meantime, it is useless for us to suggest anything, as the Executive would no doubt turn a deaf ear to the suggestions, but we would earnestly impress on the unofficial members of the Council the necessity for keeping the subject in mind, and of urging the Government, at the earliest possible moment, to take immediate steps to frame bankruptcy and partnership laws suited to the needs of the place. We would strongly advise members not to suggest commissions,

they more frequently hang round the neck of reform like millstones than prove of real assistance.

Mr Alexander Amador, Esq. da Silva has cautioned the public, in the columns of yesterday's *Daily Press*, against accepting certain ex parte statements contained in an affidavit sworn to by Mrs Spratt. This affidavit was read in the Supreme Court on the 10th, and was produced in our issue of the same evening; and Mr. da Silva complains that the publication of the affidavit took place in spite of the fact that personally and through a solicitor he asked the Editor of the *China Mail* to omit the document from the "report of the case." His morning contemporary adds a note to Mr. Silva's letter, to the effect that he gives it insertion with pleasure—a feeling which was doubtless increased by the fact that the same issue contained the whole of the document objected to. Letting that pass, however, for the publication was perfectly right and proper, whatever the inference of innocence may have been—it may be worth while to explain that the solicitor who waited upon us on behalf of Mr. Silva himself expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with our decision to publish the affidavit so soon as he learnt that all the documents on both sides were to be inserted. That fact, however, is not mentioned by Mr. Silva. Concerning the publication of proceedings in Court, it may save future trouble if we intimate at once for all, that the only authority which will be recognised by us for the suppression of any portion of the public proceedings of any Court in this Colony is the presiding Judge or Magistrate of such Court. This intimation is perhaps all the more necessary because our morning contemporary is naturally more or less affected by the prior publication of the *Mail*. That the appeal case of Mrs Spratt was pre-eminently a case for the fullest publicity must be seen at a glance. The case was based upon the affidavit objected to, and one of the principal points of counsel's argument was based upon the alleged mistake made by Judge Ackroyd in hearing the matter in camera. It ought to have been heard throughout in open Court. The questions to be decided very closely affected many residents of this Colony—the responsibilities of executors, as well as the protection which the law may give to the honest administration of wills, being matters of the greatest importance and of almost daily application here. Apart from these considerations, however, proceedings in Court are essentially public; and, failing any intimation from the Bench, will always be deemed as such by us, however inconvenient it may sometimes be for private individuals.

THE French squadron in China, commanded by Admiral Lesp, with Admiral Riemer as second in command, is to be composed as follows:—Ironclads—*La Gloire*, *la Souveraine*, *la Triomphante*, Cruisers—*Roland*, *Villars*, *la Pérouse*, *Primauguet*, *Champlain*, *Duguay-Trouin*, *Aniane*, *Lévis*, *Général-Vière*, *l'Asie*, and *Sigalière*.—L. & G. Express.

THE S. S. *Tanadice*, says the Northern Territory Times, (Port Darwin) was somewhat delayed on her recent trip down from Hongkong, owing to the foul condition of her bottom. Her long stay at Hongkong was the cause of numberless small oysters clinging to the ship, even the blades of her propeller being covered with them. "Rowing this oyster-bed," as one of the officers expressed it, required the consumption of more than any in China, on account of the quantity of waste food left on board, and will necessitate her taking on more fuel at Brisbane, before proceeding any further south.

THE Figaro's Tongking correspondent, who has been in Tientsin for some time, has decided, after a consultation with Mr. Destrigny and His Ex. Li Hung-Chang, to throw up his engagement and issue a French paper, there, which is to be called the Great Northern Post. Mr. Destrigny, who has had a plant there since 1882, will transfer it for that purpose, under the special patronage of Lt. and Mr. Destrigny and the I. C. C. It is also stated that a Chinese newspaper is to be started under the name of *Hien Hoo Pao*. No doubt this paper will have a wide circulation, larger than any in China, on account of the principal news coming from Hongkong and having the support of Lt. and Mr. Destrigny. There will be no doubt of its success.—Shanghai Mercury.

THE COURIER has the following:—We ridiculed at the time the great naval victory by which the two Chinese men-of-war were sunk at Sheipoo Roads, with the loss of one Chinese who was drowned getting into a boat, and one Frenchman killed in a steam-launch. It turns out that the frigate which sank the *Amédée* was torpedored at all. The divers had been all round her stern and examined her carefully and found that her hull had received no injury whatever, it being apparent that the vessels were probably sunk intentionally by the Chinese by opening the seacocks. The smaller vessel will be raised by Messrs Boyd & Co., we understand, and may be expected in Shanghai shortly. The frigate is to be raised by Messrs. Marshall & Co., and when she arrives in Shanghai people who have believed in the broad effectiveness of the French torpedoes will be able to judge for themselves how much damage was really done. We hear that the Chinese suggested that she should be raised by building a caisson wall round her and pumping it out. As a still more certain method it is suggested to dam up three entrances to the Sheipoo harbour—their very narrow, and then pump-out the entrance. If these were then put in the entrance, an unexampled floating dock would result, and the Chinese could make that their principal naval station on the coast. The situation is an excellent one, being almost exactly in the centre of the eastern coast of China, and the entrances could be easily defended against a naval attack. We sincerely make a present of this suggestion to the high naval authorities of China.

Police Intelligence.

Wednesday, August 12.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE—COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Wong Ahoy, a coolie, appeared in command charged with robbing with violence a widow named Leung Teu, of a pair of carriages and drops, value \$3, on July 1st. The prisoner, who was identified by complainant and a woman named Sit Akar, who was in Elgin Street, was committed, when the robbery was committed, was committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

STREET GAMBLING AND THE POLICE.

Lo Ahoy, a coolie, was charged, as a robber and vagabond, with gambling in the street on the 11th instant.

Ismail, P.C. 558, deposed that at 12.30 yesterday he saw the defendant and others gambling at a table placed at the side of the roadway in Tung-wa Lane. A Chinese constable was standing near. Witness arrested the defendant and found \$1.15 on the table.

Defendant was fined \$2, or seven days' hard labour; the fine to go to the Poor Box.

Lam Achung, P.C. 239, the witness who was seen by P.O. Ismail standing within ten or twelve yards of the defendant in the same case while the gambling was going on in Tang-wa Lane, was charged with neglect of duty.

P.O. Ismail stated that when he arrested the gambler Lo Ahoy he handed him and the table on which the gambling had been carried on to Adjutant, while he looked for a coolie to carry the table up to the station. When he came back with a coolie he found the table gone and defendant was not there.

Defendant was bound over in personal recognisance in \$25 to be of good behaviour for six months.

DEATH OF OPIUM ORDINANCE.

Ngai-Asing, a cook, living at 53 Wong-ni-cheong, was convicted of selling prepared opium without a license on the 11th inst. Six taela of prepared opium, two pipes, scales &c., were found on the premises.

Defendant was fined \$15, or one month's imprisonment.

LAWRENCE.

Lau Afuk, a rickshaw-puller, was convicted of stealing two jackets and an umbrella belonging to a woman living at 17 Second Street. Four previous convictions were proved against defendant and he was now sentenced to six months' hard labour.

A man named Li, a tinmith, was sentenced to a month's hard labour for stealing a jacket belonging to a house-boy named Wong Po Ching, on the 10th inst., and a tailor named Ho Tseh was in the first defendant's company when the theft was committed, was ordered to find \$5 security to be of good behaviour for one month, in default to be committed.

A DANGEROUS CHARACTER.

U Akub, unemployed, who was convicted in 1882 and sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour for highway robbery, was found skulking about at Yau-mau-tan, an early hour this morning, armed with a dagger, a long pole, &c. Being able to give no satisfactory account of himself he was sent to prison for two months, a rogue and a rascal.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

Moore Abraham, watchman at the Hong-kong Hotel, appeared on a remanded summons, charging him with assaulting Li Chung, a gondow coolie employed by the Hotel Co., on the 26th July.

On the 25th July, cross summonses were issued by which the complainant and defendant charged each other with assault, the charges being then dismissed. Since then the coolie Li Chung has been for some time in hospital, suffering from a blow received in the eye, and which he stated had been inflicted by the defendant Abraham.

Mr. Deacon appeared this morning for the complainant and called:

Dr. Patrick Mansan, who deposed that he had examined complainant's eye. He found that his ordinary eyeglass had been destroyed. There were cuts on the eyebrows, the eyelids, and on the outer skin of the eye itself, and there was an accumulation of matter in the eye. There was a possibility that the man might lose the sight of the other eye. Witness was of opinion that the injury to the eye could not have been caused by complainant having run against a granite pillar as was stated to have been the case. Whatever was the cause the blow must have been a violent one. The wounds could have been produced by a blow from a walking-stick.

Charles Bond stated that on the 25th inst., when he was called over the disturbance between the watchman and boy, the defendant had a walking-stick in his hand. He did not see defendant strike complainant with the stick but he saw him have hold of complainant and drag him towards the chair and sent him up to the station. He did not know the origin of the row, nor who began it.

Chung A-Ngan, who was a coolie employed at the Hong-kong Hotel, re-entered seeing the scuffle between the watchman and complainant on the 25th or 26th July. Witness was in the Queen's Road, on the pavement, as were also complainant and defendant. The boy complained of a walking stick in the eye. Complainant fell down and witness and Young Tuk went and lifted him up. Complainant was going to report the matter to the Manager, but defendant stopped him.

Defendant reserved his defence and was committed for trial at the Supreme Court; bail being allowed in two sureties of \$50 each.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

THE EGYPTIAN QUESTION.

Paris, July 11.—No. Power appearing disposed at the present moment to make difficulties with the Suez Canal on the subject of Egypt, it is probable that the question will be dormant until the English elections.

THE MARCH AND GENERAL COMBINE.

London, July 12.—A letter from Mr. de Bille, the French Ambassador to England, to give notice of his arrival at Shepperton for a ransom of £30,000 francs, but England refused the offer.

THE EASTERN RAILWAY.

London, July 14th.—In the House of Commons Mr. W. H. Smith, Minister for War, said that the Government will not abandon the Nile railway scheme.

AN ENGLISH OFFICIAL DEPARTED TO ZANZIBAR.

Fri., July 14th.—Mr. Rowell, English administrator of the State domains, has been created Commander of the Order of the Legion of Honour.

It is stated that M. Travers, German Consul at Zanzibar, will replace M. Nachigali at Zanzibar.

THE BOTSWANA LOAN.

London, July 15.—The Daily Telegraph assures its readers that in consequence of the assurance of Germany and the other

powers, the English Government intends to issue the Egyptian Loan of £9,000,000 in a few days.

THE RUSSIAN IN GENERAL ASIA.

London, July 20.—A private letter from Mr. Dalziel states that he has been turned out of Yarkand by the Chinese authorities at the instance of the Russian Consul at Kashgar. It seems that the Chinese sent the pressure put on them by the Russians, but they think it was to comply. Mr. Dalziel is expected to reach Lhasa about the 1st of this month.

ACCIDENT SHOOTING CASE AT BANGALORE.

Bangalore, July 20.—A shocking tragedy occurred this morning in the lines of the 12th Madras Infantry. Private Ramkrishna, while returning from guard relief, was hit and dropped twenty rounds of ammunition in his pouch, not Dr. Halliday Narain Singh, and shot him dead. Proceeding further he met Jemadar Major Bannerman, and fired at him and killed him. Then he proceeded towards the drill ground, and saw Adjutant Ganguly on horseback. He fired at the officer, but the adjutant dodged and escaped by galloping away. An attempt was then made to capture the number, who was fired again as a sepoy, but missed. Private Ramkrishna was then secured and placed in custody of the quartermaster. Great excitement prevails. The man who had been hit was reduced from the rank of naik to a short time back.

THE KASHIHO MISSION.

Lahore, July 22.—Misses Carey and Ney Elias crossed the Barabha Pass into Linting on the 7th inst. All of the party are well.

MEDICAL RELIEF BILL.

London, 24th July.—The House of Commons last night adopted an amendment to Mr. Collings' bill to prevent disfranchisement by the receipt of medical relief, by 180 votes against 130, which was tantamount to a defeat of the Government. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach thereupon declined to further responsible for the bill.

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THE AFGHAN DIFFICULTY.

Lahore, 25th July.—Rumours are current of an *enmête* at Cabul but nothing is known officially. The British envoy at present at Peshawar received orders to proceed to Cabul forthwith. Captain Peacocke and Capt. Tate were still in Herat on the 16th inst.

It is reported that four thousand men, equipped with breechloaders, and on their way from Cabul by direct Hartog road, to Kandahar, were captured by rebels.

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MOVEMENTS IN THE SOUDAN.

Cairo, July 24.—The last detachment of the 1st Battalion of the Soudanese Regiment, which had been sent to the front, was to sail for the Red Sea on the 26th July.

The three ironclads built for the Chinese Government have at last left for their destination. H. E. Hau Ching-Cheng, the Chinese Minister at Berlin, arrived on the 1st inst. at Kiel, accompanied by Dr. Kreyer, and after an inspection of the three ironclads, the *Tsui Yuen*, *Chen Pei-ku*, and *Tai Yuen*, dinner took place at Bellervi, to which the chief officials of both ships received invitations. On the 2nd instant a religious service was held on board the ship, and immediately afterwards the Minister with his suite accompanied by Herr Stahl, the director of the Stettin Steamship Company, which accompanied the ironclads to sea.

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